Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace the claims that were published in the PCT Application and the International Preliminary Examination Report:

1.   (currently amended) Method for linking first and second multimedia data within a consumer electronics device, wherein the multimedia data comprise video, still picture and/or audio data, including the steps of

   -   recording the first multimedia data on a first storage medium (207);
   -   detecting (601) a user selection of a portion of said first multimedia data;
   -   detecting a user selection of an insert mode (602,603, 604);
   -   creating (209) automatically link information to said selected portion of first multimedia data, the link information containing a reference to said portion of multimedia data on said first storage medium (207);
   -   generating (200) in real-time second multimedia data, after said first multimedia data were recorded on the first storage medium (207);
   -   inserting (210) according to the selected insert mode into said second multimedia data either said automatically created link information or said selected first portion of first multimedia data referenced by said link information; and
   -   storing (201,210) on a second storage medium (202) multimedia data resulting from said second multimedia data and said inserted information, wherein said second storage medium (202) is removable independently from said first storage medium (207).

2.   (currently amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein the step of detecting (601) a user selection of a portion of said first multimedia data comprises detecting a user selection of one or more candidate portions of said first multimedia data, storing said selected candidate portions or references thereon on the first storage medium (207), and detecting a user selection of one of said one or more candidate portions as logo or index data portion.

3. (currently amended) Method according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said automatically created link information or said reference thereon is stored in a reserved memory space ~~(302)~~ on said second storage medium ~~(202)~~, the memory space ~~(302)~~ relating to a single video frame.

4. (currently amended) Method according to ~~any of claims 1-3~~ claim 1, further comprising the steps of
    -   creating ~~(209)~~ automatically second link information, the second link information containing a reference ~~(424)~~ to a portion of the first multimedia data and, if said portion of the first multimedia data was selected by the user, a reference ~~(423)~~ to the second multimedia data on said second storage medium ~~(202)~~;
    -   storing ~~(211)~~ said second link information on said first storage medium ~~(207)~~.

5. (currently amended) Method according to ~~the preceding claim~~ claim 4, wherein a first file ~~(410)~~ and a second file ~~(420)~~ are created and stored on the first storage medium ~~(207)~~, the first file ~~(410)~~ containing a list of references ~~(424)~~ to the portions of said first multimedia data, and the second file ~~(420)~~ containing a list of references ~~(424)~~ of selected portions of the first multimedia data and said references ~~(423)~~ to the second multimedia data on said second storage medium ~~(202)~~, wherein the references ~~(423)~~ indicate particular portions ~~(426)~~ of the second multimedia data.

6. (currently amended) Method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein said first multimedia data is a still picture or photo or a picture sequence, such as a short video or cartoon.

7. (currently amended) Method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein a status label ~~(429)~~ is associated with each portion of recorded first multimedia data, the status label ~~(429)~~ indicating whether the respective portion is selected, and wherein a portion of recorded first multimedia data having selected status is protected from being deleted.

8.   (currently amended) Video camera or camcorder (200), comprising:

- means (206) for recording first multimedia data on a first storage medium (207);

- means for detecting a user selection of a portion of said first multimedia data;

- means for detecting (601) a user selection of an insert mode;

- means for creating (209) automatically link information to said selected portion of first multimedia data, the link information containing a reference to said portion of multimedia data recorded on said first storage medium (207);

- camera means for generating (200) in real-time second multimedia data;

- means for inserting (210) according to the selected insert mode into said second multimedia data either said automatically created link information or said selected first portion of first multimedia data referenced by said link information; and

- means for storing (201,210) on a second storage medium (202) multimedia data resulting from said second multimedia data and said inserted information, wherein said second storage medium (202) is separately removable and different from said first storage medium (207).

9. (currently amended) Video camera or camcorder according to ~~the preceding claim~~ claim 1, wherein the means for detecting ~~(601)~~ a user selection of a portion of said first multimedia data comprises

    - means for detecting a user selection of one or more candidate portions of said first multimedia data;

    - means for initiating the storing of said selected candidate portions or references thereon on the first storage medium ~~(207)~~;

    - means for detecting a user selection of one or more of said one or more candidate portions as logo or index data portions; and

    - means for initiating the storing of the selected logo or index data portion on the first storage medium ~~(207)~~, wherein the selected candidate portions or references thereon are stored in a first file ~~(410)~~ and the selected logo or index data portions or reference thereon are stored in a separate second file ~~(420)~~ on the first storage medium ~~(207)~~.

10. (currently amended) Video camera or camcorder according to claim 8 ~~or 9~~, wherein said means for storing ~~(201,210)~~ on a second storage medium ~~(202)~~ the resulting multimedia data stores said automatically created link information or reference thereon in a reserved memory space ~~(302)~~ of said second storage medium ~~(202)~~, the memory space ~~(302)~~ relating to a single video frame.

11. (currently amended) Video camera or camcorder ~~(200)~~ according to ~~any of the claims 8-10~~ claim 8, further comprising

    - means for playing back the recorded second multimedia data having said information inserted; and

    - means for simultaneously playing back the portion of the first multimedia data identified by said reference ~~(302)~~, wherein the identified portion of first multimedia data is built into the second multimedia data.

12. (currently amended) Video camera or camcorder according to ~~any of claims 8-11~~ claim 8, further comprising:

- means ~~(209)~~ for automatically creating second link information, the second link information containing a reference ~~(424)~~ to a portion of the first multimedia data and, if said portion of the first multimedia data was selected by the user, a reference ~~(423)~~ to the second multimedia data on said second storage medium ~~(202)~~; and

- means ~~(211)~~ for storing said second link information on said first storage medium ~~(207)~~.

13. (currently amended) Video camera or camcorder ~~(200)~~, further comprising

- a view finder, wherein said multimedia data resulting from said second multimedia data and said inserted information can be displayed on the view finder while being recorded; and

- means for setting the inserted information visible or invisible in the view finder.